

HALIBURTON COUNTY ECHO

THURSDAY, DECEMBER THE TWENTY-FIRST

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION



*We are glowing with warm
wishes to our faithful old friends and
our cherished new friends.
May this Christmas Season bring
happiness and joy, peace and
contentment to all.*

Season's Greetings from the Echo Staff

Berkeley Feir
Creighton Feir

George Wheeler
Howard Sutherland

Charles Brandon
Shirley Brandon

Haliburton WMS

It was with mixed feeling that the members of the W.M.S. met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Petrie for the final meeting of this organization.

The president, Mrs. Black, opened the meeting with prayer and read the high aims and purpose that characterized the W.M.S.

Mrs. Black then welcomed the guests who had been specially invited for this occasion.

The annual reports were then received: Mrs. McKnight reporting for supplies; Mrs. R. Johnston as friendship convenor and Missionary Monthly, and Mrs. Petrie on stewardship. The treasurer, Mrs. Chambers, reported that the allocation had been met.

It was moved and seconded that these reports be accepted.

The devotional service was

in charge of Mrs. McKnight, who took as her theme "Workers With God." After the call to worship, the hymn "God of Mercy, God of Grace" was sung, followed with the scripture, John 1:1:19, and a poem, "Our Long Time Workers," read by Mrs. Chambers.

After a period of meditation, Mrs. McKnight closed the service with a litany.

Mrs. Petrie reported on W.M.S. from its inception and traced its growth from its origin, 1871, to church union in 1925 and on to the present day. She reported that 102 overseas missionaries were still active while 91 worked with our home missions. She hoped that all the enthusiasm in W.M.S. would be carried over to the new organization and inspire others to work.

She advised all to read the book, "Wide Open Windows," which is in the W.M.S. library, for inspiration.

Mrs. Black gave an interesting resume of the local organization. She recalled the

highlights of each year, and paid tribute to those who had worked so enthusiastically for the missionary endeavor. Despite discouragements, the organization was kept alive and active and had made an outstanding contribution to the work of missions.

Miss V. Roberts moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Black for her excellent report.

Mr. Petrie then spoke to the members, praising them for their work and challenging them to "carry the torch" into the new organization.

He said that although this is a sad occasion it should also be one of gladness, since we, in closing the W.M.S. are but transferring our activities to another page in a larger book of service in the new organization.

Mr. Petrie then presented Mrs. Chambers and Mrs. Black with life membership certificates and pins for their untiring, faithful work in the promotion of the W.M.S.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Petrie. A social half hour followed.



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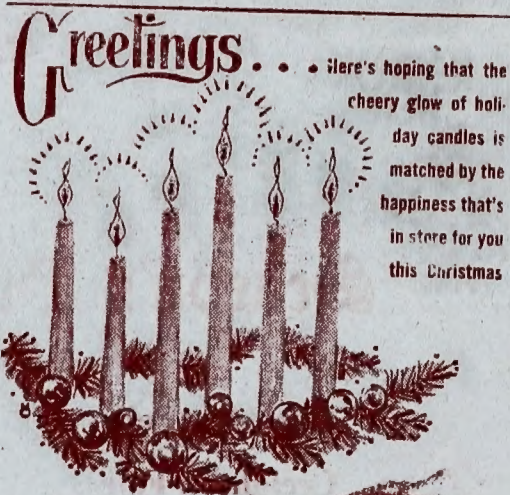
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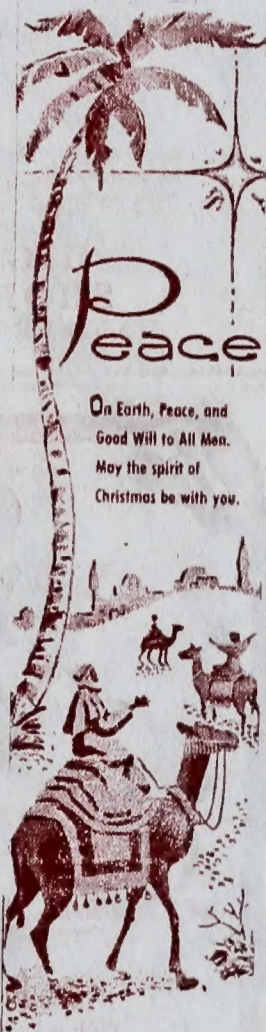
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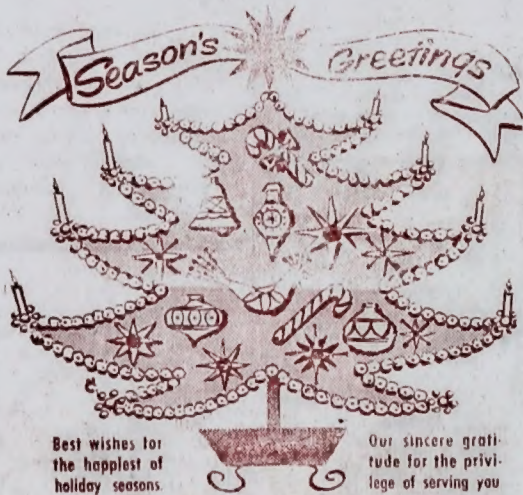
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LAKESHORE MARINE
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Best wishes for the happiest of holiday seasons.

Our sincere gratitude for the privilege of serving you

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By Dorothy Boys Kilian
THE TELEPHONE rang just as Chris Jackson had climbed up on the stool to put the silver star on the very tip-top of the fragrant green fir tree.
"It's for you, Chris," Karen said a moment later. Some strange man.
"They told me here at the drug store," a voice came to him over the wire, "that you might be able to fix up my car. Something's gone seriously wrong with the clutch and my wife and I are on the way to Detroit for the holidays."
"I'm sorry, Sir, but we don't have night service at my garage. We're all locked up for the night and my assistant has gone out of town."
"Can't you come down your street?" the voice persisted.
"Tell you what," Chris suggested. "There's a train through here at 10:00, and it's only an hour's run to Detroit. Why don't you take it on in to the city and leave your car here. I'll get at it first thing the morning after Christmas, and you can get someone to drive you down for it then."
"The hitch is," the stranger replied, "that we've got a new bicycle and a lot of other unwrapped gifts for our grandchildren crammed into the back seat. In fact, we're playing Santa, and we've simply got to get that stuff under their tree tonight."
Chris glanced into the living room and saw Karen holding the star, confidently waiting for him to return to their trimming party. He was about to say into the



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phone, "I simply can't make it, when a vision of those unknown children in Detroit crowded into his mind. When a little fellow is expecting to see a shiny new bicycle under the tree... and then it isn't there—

A Finished Task

An hour and a half later he straightened up beside the gleaming black Cadillac, wiped his greasy hands on an old rag and said, "There you are, Mr. Baxter. You'll get that bicycle delivered in plenty of time now."

"Yes, if I can pry my wife loose from your house," the portly gentleman's eyes twinkled. "When I left there a few minutes ago, she and your Karen were in the midst of the coziest coffee huddle you ever saw. It certainly was nice of you to send us up there to wait."

"Oh, well, it was too cold in this garage tonight to have you people stand around for a couple of hours," Chris said diffidently.

"Maybe some day you'll have a garage with all the latest and best," Mr. Baxter smiled. "Like warm waiting rooms and 24 hour service."

Chris sighed. "I'm just getting started, you know, and of course there's another older garage already established in the village."

"I know there is," Mr. Baxter looked grim. "As a matter of fact, I called them first, and they wouldn't open up tonight for love nor money. The owner was having a party or something and just couldn't be bothered."

"Well, you know how it is," Chris murmured.

A Good Return

"I know how you are," the gentleman said firmly. "And because of that I also know what I'm going to do. Here's my card—"

Chris looked at the white slip and let out a low whistle. "State Auto Club Harold F. Baxter, 1st Vice President."

"We've been wondering about the advisability of designating an official garage for the Club in this vicinity, now that the new road goes through here," Mr. Baxter went on. "And after tonight, I know we need one."

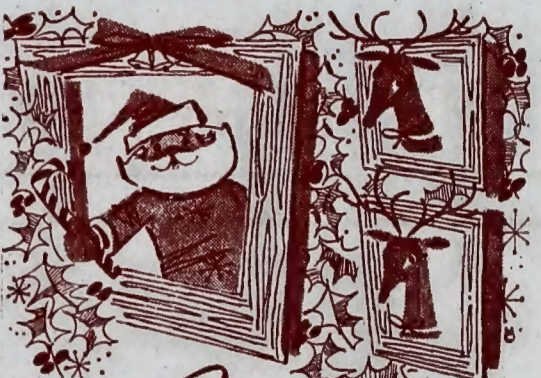


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Sincere thanks and best wishes to
Our good friends and patrons who
Fill our hearts with cheer at this
festive time of year!

MACKAY'S
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HAPPY Holidays

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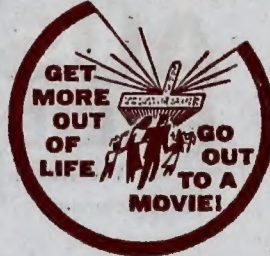
Chris couldn't help gasping.
You mean—?"

"Yes, I mean you," Mr. Baxter said. "It's dependable people like you we want on our books. And I'm certainly going to recommend your company for the position."

Chris grinned. "My company is just me and a part time assistant right now, but with the advertising your outfit will give us we'll really begin to grow up. I just can't tell you what this means to me—"

"Let's get back to the women," Mr. Baxter interrupted in friendly gruffness. "P'd like another cup of that coffee."

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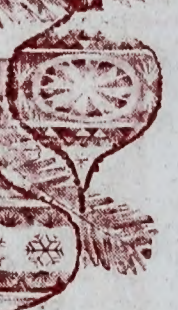


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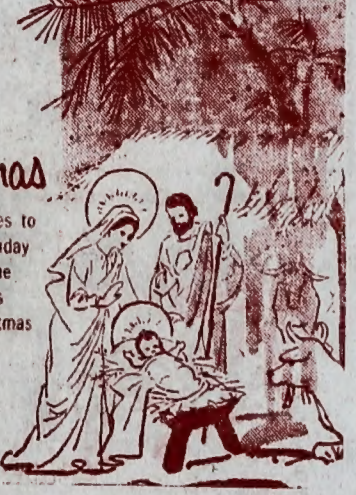
With genuine appreciation of our pleasant relations, we extend to all our friends the warmest greetings. We wish you all the holiday joys with an abundance of good health.



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AT Christmas

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Season's greetings

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THE BLUE SILK DRESS

By Sally Sandusky Eads

NANCY POWERS counted her egg money, then put it into the teapot and set it on the mantle. There was more than enough to pay for that pretty blue silk dress she had tried on at The Style Shoppe. Cyrus would be mighty proud when he saw her in that dress. He was going to town right after dinner to try to swap cars with Tom Newell, but Cyrus would have to pay boot. Nancy hoped the boot would not be too much, because Cyrus had his heart set on having that almost new car for them to drive to the New Year's Party.

She glanced at the kitchen clock. My goodness! Cyrus will soon be here for his dinner.

When Nancy saw Cyrus walking lowly down the snow-covered



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path toward the kitchen door, she said, "Somethin' musta happened." He looked tired, and disappointed. She hoped somebody else hadn't traded for Tom Newell's car. Well, she wouldn't ask for awhile.

"What's the matter, Cyrus Powers?" she asked when he had finished eating.

"Nothin' Nancy, only I've decided ag'inst tradin' for Newell's car. I'll have the old one greased and washed, and it'll look pretty good, agoin' to the New Year Party."

"Cyrus Powers, you know better'n that," Nancy accused. "You was proud when we was young, and you've not changed. Why, you used to take me to the Parties in the finest rubber tire buggy in the county. Your horses always matched your buggy in looks, and you still want a good lookin' turn-out, when you go some place."

Cyrus laughed. "And I had the prettiest, best dressed gal of all."

An Old Story

Nancy smiled. She'd heard that before. She started clearing off the table. "Cyrus, tell me the truth. Why did you change your mind about tradin' for that same-as-new Ford car?"

"Nancy, you're too inquisitive. But the truth is, I had Bud Carter take my bank book to town this mornin' and have it balanced. We lack fifty dollars havin' enough boot money. I could borrow it, but that would worry you and me both."

"Uh-huh," Nancy reached for the teapot and laid thirty-three dollars on the table in front of Cyrus. "Now, get to town and trade for that car before somebody else beats you to it."

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"Shucks! I don't want a new dress. Get goin' before I spill dishwater on you."

A Good Cry

After he was gone, Nancy sat down and, woman like, had a good cry. It had been so long since she'd had a new dress, but she wanted Cyrus to have the car he'd set his heart on.

She mended and pressed an old dress to wear. Late in the afternoon, she went to the barn and fed the cattle and horses, and milked the cows. Then she locked up the chicken house. It was getting dark when she saw Cyrus coming into the driveway. She wouldn't get to see the new car until morning.

Cyrus was laughing when he came in. "I found a place in town where they paint cars while you wait, and fix them to look like new. They said our car was in good shape." He was holding something behind him.

"You don't say! Cyrus, what's that you're holdin' behind you?"

He grinned and set a dress box on the table. "Since we only had a paint job to pay for, I knew we could afford something else for the party."

To you and yours,
the peace and
joy of Christmas
with sincere
best wishes from us.



The BROOKS'
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GREETINGS

May we just take a moment to express our gratitude for your patronage. The wish of all of us here is that you and yours enjoy the merriest of holidays.

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DONALD - ONTARIO

Nancy took off the blue silk dress. She smiled, then her face crumpled. Cyrus really had wanted her to have the dress. She mustn't say.

"Cyrus," she scolded. "I told you to get the Newell car. But you can't trust a man to do as you tell him."

Cyrus grinned again. A Happy New Year Greeting.

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Season's Greetings
May you have a full measure of all the joys of the season!

AL. BLANCHARD

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Christmastime

Here it is again... the happiest time of all! Eyes are brighter, heads higher, hearts lighter! It is our sincere hope that the inspiration and joy of this festive season last the year through! Merry Christmas!

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McKNIGHT'S HAULAGE & Excavators Ltd.
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Greetings of the Season

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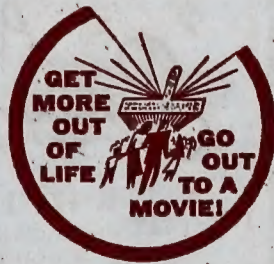
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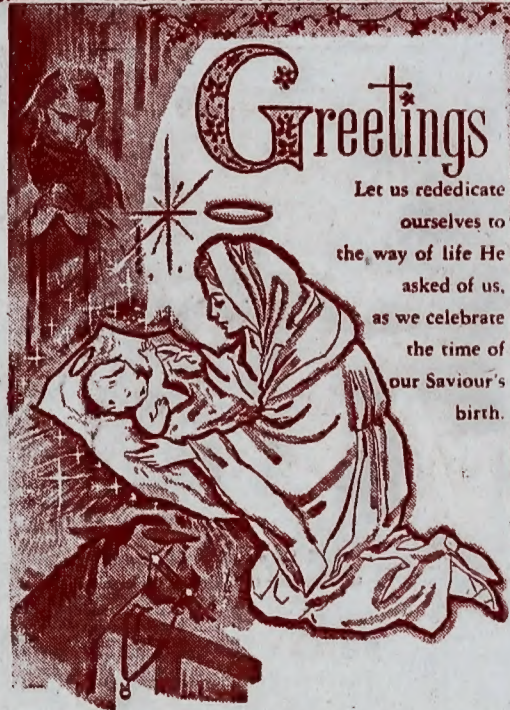




CHRISTMAS WISHES

May you enjoy a rich bounty of Christmas spirit, joy, gladness and happiness!

Brennan's Highland Crafts
AND NOVELTY SHOP



Greetings

Let us rededicate ourselves to the way of life He asked of us, as we celebrate the time of our Saviour's birth.

Bob's Radio and TV
MINDEN - ONTARIO

a STRING of LIGHTS

By Don Wheeler

WE WERE in a dust covered box that sat in the corner of Mr. Barker's attic. All through the year no one ever bothered about us, but now, at Christmas time, we knew that once again we would be the center of attraction. Grumbling and grunting, Mr. Barker lifted our box into his arms and started down the attic stairs.

Being a rather plump fellow with a stomach that protruded so far he couldn't see his feet, he was, I regret to say, somewhat clumsy. About half way down the stairs he stumbled and our box went tumbling down the stairs. I was uninjured, but I'm afraid some of my friends suffered from the fall. A few minutes later we were all unpacked and laid on the huge dining room table.

"Well now, let's see, John," said Mrs. Barker. "We can use this string of lights, and this string and, oh! We don't want to use this old string again, John! They've been around here for years. Throw them out in the trash with these other things that were broken when you fell."

I was shocked! For years I had been used to decorate the Barker's Christmas tree and now, simply because I was getting a little old they were throwing me out! It is true that my popularity with the Barkers had declined through the years. When I was new I was used at the top, but each year



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I seemed to find myself placed lower and lower on the tree.

Unwanted Home

My friends, most of them broken in tiny pieces, and myself were cast upon the trash pile in the alley. I felt sorry for them. They had many years of use ahead of them had Mr. Barker been more careful, but now they could never be used again. But what of me? I wasn't broken, only a little old.

For two days I lay on the trash pile with my broken friends, and then, on the third day, a small child, who seemed to be searching the trash cans in the alley to see if he could find something of value, came upon me. With a cry of delight he gathered me into his tiny hands and scampered out of the alley and to the edge of the small town, where he lived in a broken down little old house.

"How glad were his brothers and sisters when they saw me! That evening they trimmed their tiny tree. It was scarcely three feet tall, and I was the principle item of decoration. One of my lights was placed at the top of the tree and the rest were wound in and about from top to bottom. Then the tree was placed in the front window and for the first time in my life I was given the task of lighting an entire tree.

That evening it snowed and snowed and the wind whistled harshly about the corners of the house. I was glad that I was in a warm house instead of being on the trash pile in the alley.

A Visitor Comes

Suddenly there was a loud rap on the door. When Mr. Cullen opened it I heard a man's voice ask, "Have you seen the Granger boy? He was out playing this afternoon and hasn't come home yet. We think he's become lost in the storm. The whole town is out looking for him. Would you like to help Mr. Cullen?"

Mr. Cullen quickly put on his coat and scarf and followed the man into the dark cold night. They had been gone only about twenty minutes when again there was a knocking at the door. When Mrs. Cullen opened it, in stepped a tall man, carrying a boy in his arms. The boy's ears and nose were blue from the cold and his teeth chattered.



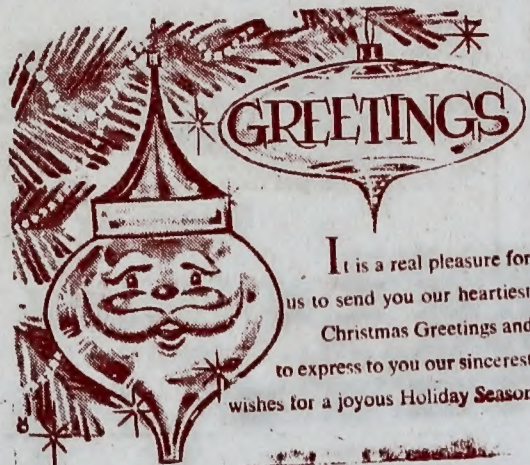
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The season of hope and good cheer is at hand, and to friends and neighbors we send our sincere greetings.

THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF
BOICE MOTOR SALES LTD.
HALIBURTON - ONTARIO



COX'S APPAREL
MINDEN - ONTARIO



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By Shirley Sargent
RALPH RANSOME, a forceful looking, dark-haired man of about fifty, left the office early Christmas Eve. There was no use staying, he reflected almost bitterly, the office staff had been having a Christmas party since noon on company time. His family accused him of not having any Christmas spirit. Well, the office staff had too much of it.
 The gaily decorated streets were lighted as he walked along the downtown area. Hurrying crowds seemed to be in a gay mood. Ralph remembered the Christmas of his own youth. He lived on a ranch with four other brothers and sisters, an aunt, two fatherless cousins and his parents. With that many mouths to feed, they were lucky to find a dime, an orange.



He felt excited. This was fun and challenging, too.

nuts and a hand-knit pair of socks in their stockings.

Now it was vastly different. Ralph thought. Christmas was commercial and presents elaborate, often useless. Molly, his wife, bought the gifts for their three children. A less brilliantly lighted store window attracted him. Sports equipment was exhibited. Ralph remembered his boy's shout of pleasure last Christmas when he had opened something he wanted particularly. "Gee, dad, how did you know? Just exactly what I wanted."

And Ralph had to say, in honesty, "Thank your mother, son, I just work here."

Julie, his nineteen-year-old, had burst out, "Oh, daddy, it just isn't any fun when you don't take part. You don't even know what you're giving us."

After All, He Paid
 Well, who paid for it? Ralph thought now. So long as they got what they wanted... but did they? Maybe Julie and Jim had been trying to show him that they wanted something from him. Something he picked out. Ralph thought again of his boyhood presents that had been made especially for him. Why, he realized, that was what made them special.

The children were right then. All he did was pay for their gifts. This year he could pay double and take a chance that he would choose things they liked. It was supposed to be the thought, not the gift that counted anyway. Why, last Christmas it was that Jim had given him that awful pipe rack. But Ralph had accepted it with pleasure and still displayed it in a prominent place because Jim had worked hard to make something he could use. And the ill-fitting, hand-knit socks from Martha. Those gifts had meant more to him than any store-bought package could. He turned and stepped into the store.



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Getting The Spirit

Ralph shopped carefully among the jostling crowds. He thought carefully as to whether the gift would be practical or not, appreciated or not. Molly was first and that was easy for Ralph knew she had wanted a watch for years. The children were harder. Julie was in college. She had everything. No, wait. She loved music, the type Ralph had no patience for. A Brahms symphony wasn't entirely practical, but he knew it would be appreciated.

He felt excited. This was fun. Challenging too. Other shoppers' faces reflected his own growing excitement. Next, year, he vowed he and Molly would shop together. He backtracked to the camera department. Martha, their seven-year-old, was a photography fan. He bought several rolls of film and a "How To" book. Then, Jim. The boy lacked coordination, yet liked sports. A basketball and a punching bag. That ought to do it.

Later, as he let himself in the house, Ralph could hardly wait to see their faces tomorrow. But he didn't need to wait. As he placed the packages around the tree, Julie's delighted squeal brought the rest of the family in. When he turned around, he met four pairs of shining eyes that expressed their affection more clearly in words.

"Gee, dad," Jim sputtered, "you finally got the Christmas spirit."

Ralph smiled back at them warmly. "Guess it's catching, and incurable."



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A Problem Resolved

By Don Wheeler

TYLER TURNABOUT placed a tray of sandwiches on the buffet in the dining room and hurried to the front door to welcome the first of the New Year's Eve party guests.

"Well, Tyler," said Robert Benson, ushering in his wife, "Don't tell me we're the first to arrive? I thought the Harrisons would be here at last."

"Nops, not them," said Tyler with a good-natured sneer. "They live right next door, but they're sure to be the last."

The Bensons seated themselves in the living room while their host went into the kitchen to assist Mrs. Turnabout in putting the final touches to the party preparations. The minutes ticked by and the guests drifted in, until at last they were all there, even the Harrisons from next door.

"Look here, Turnabout," said Tom Harrison as he planted his left foot squarely on the middle of the piano bench. "This is the time of year for making resolutions. I've made a few myself and I'd like to know if you've done the same."

"Me? Made any resolutions? I hadn't given it a thought, Tom, old boy."

"Well I have," said Harrison, lifting his foot in the air and bringing it down on the piano bench with a thud. Mrs. Turnabout



"You'll never stick to it, turnabout," he said.

scowled from across the room, so Harrison retreated from the piano bench and leaned against the wall nearby, pausing only to grab up a cup of coffee from an end table as he did so.

Bob Benson, who had caught the opening of the conversation, moved along with him. He was aware of the friendly arguments the two neighbors had indulged in over a period of several years. He knew a trap was being set for Tyler Turnabout.

"Well, Tom, let's hear some of your New Year's resolutions," said Benson, pulling up a chair.

He Tells All

"I've resolved," said Harrison, looking at Tyler, "to figure out some way to keep your dog out of my flower bed this spring. Further, I've resolved to figure a plan which will make you cut your share of the grass between our houses—by the way, you still have my lawn mower from last summer—a plan that will make you shovel your share of the snow off the front walk." Harrison gulped some of his coffee and continued, "A plan that will keep the branches of your apple tree from hanging over into my back yard; and a plan that will keep you from using my garbage can when yours is full." Harrison indicated a full garbage can by raising both hands above his head and as a result his coffee cup crashed against the wall and fell to the floor.

Harrison apologized for the action. Mr. Turnabout seemed unconcerned.

Most of the other conversation in the room had ceased and the others had gathered around the two smiling. The clock on the mantle showed that it would be a New Year in five minutes.

An Easy Solution

"Tell you what I'll do, Tom," said Tyler, "I'll make a resolution that guarantees you won't be bothered by any of these things this year."

"You'll never stick to it, Turnabout!"

"I guarantee it," said Tyler with a broad grin.

"All right, Turnabout. You make that resolution. If you keep it, and I know you won't, for just three months, I'll cut your grass for the rest of the summer. If you don't, then you cut mine. Agreed?"

"Agreed," replied Turnabout with an even broader grin.

"Let's shake hands on it before the New Year, just to make it legal," said Harrison.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

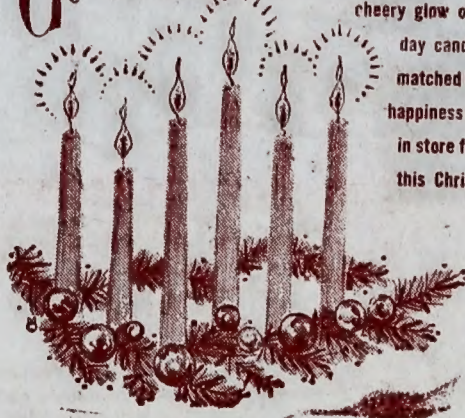
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By Mand McCurdy Welch

TOMORROW was Christmas and Tommy was worried. It hadn't snowed at all, and if there was no snow to shovel, how could he make any money for Christmas?

Tommy lived in the neat farm cottage with his Uncle Pete and Aunt Lucy. Aunt Lucy had just told him he could go over and see Jimmy Reeder but he sure to be back by five o'clock. So Tommy started walking slowly toward the Reeder farm, as he had a lot of thinking to do.

In the small sitting room Aunt Lucy and Uncle Pete were talking. Aunt Lucy insisted that two dollars was an awful lot to pay for a dog. They were poor people after all and could only afford to give Tommy sensible things.

Uncle Pete thought Tommy should have the puppy he wanted. He was only seven, and needed a playmate.

Tommy was walking along still slowly, trying not to think how wonderful it would be if he could have this little puppy. His name was Blaze, and he was a runt; that's why he cost only two dollars. Tommy thought how the pup would frolic along beside him and wag his tail, and how they'd race over the fields when spring was here. But no use thinking about Blaze. He had to get a job.

It was when he was passing the big house where Mr. Robert Thatcher lived, that the idea came



"Could you give it to me in new shiny dollars," Tommy said.

cher lived, that the idea came Tommy went in and asked Mr. Thatcher for a job. Mr. Thatcher was said to be a bad-tempered, stingy old man, but Tommy wasn't going to be afraid of him. He said, "I need some Christmas money, and I thought you might give me a job to do."

The old man asked grumpily, "What do you want for Christmas?"

His Xmas Wish

Tommy explained about the dog and Mr. Thatcher said, "All right, you can go to work in the orchard, cleaning out under the trees."

Tommy found the rake and other tools and went to work with vim. A little before five, the job was done. Mr. Thatcher took a look at it, and said he'd earned the two dollars.

"Could you give it to me in new shiny dollars?" Tommy asked.

The old man nodded. "Thought you were going to buy a puppy?"

"Nope. Can't have the puppy. Christmas is for giving."

The old man put two silver dollars in his hand. He said softly, "Glad you reminded me, Tommy. I'd almost forgotten."

Then it was Christmas. After breakfast Tommy proudly laid a shining silver dollar in Aunt Lucy's hand and one in Uncle Pete's. They were both so surprised for a moment they didn't speak. Then Aunt Lucy nodded at Uncle Pete. He left the room and they heard the chugging of the old Ford as it went down the lane.

"The dollar shines pretty, doesn't it?" Tommy asked.

"It's beautiful, Tommy. Thank you." Aunt Lucy's voice sounded choked up.

The Real Thing

When Uncle Pete came back, he gave Tommy two packages, mittens from Aunt Lucy and shoes from Uncle Pete. "Just what I needed," Tommy exclaimed and gave them both a big hug. Uncle Pete cleared his throat. "Tommy, your real present is on the back porch in a basket."

It was Blaze, the puppy. Tommy gave a cry of joy. He ran back to the sitting room, the puppy in his arms. "Oh, thank you, Uncle Pete. Thank you, Aunt Lucy. Thank you a million!"

But that wasn't all. An hour later a car stopped outside, and a chauffeur brought in a big basket of fruit and one filled to the brim with wonderful things to eat. Even a turkey. There was a note, which read:



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Aunt Lucy and Uncle Pete looked at each other in amazement. Then Uncle Pete said, "Well, Robert Thatcher certainly did get the Christmas spirit, didn't he?"

"Everybody is so good," Tommy said. He looked down at the puppy which was now asleep in his lap.

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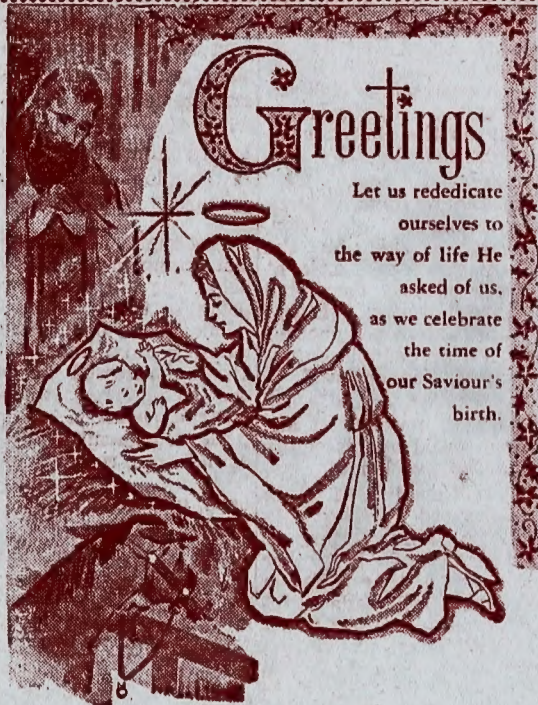
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Mervyn Everall Wycliffe College Delegate To Austin

Mervyn Everall of Haliburton, who is at present studying for the Anglican ministry at Wycliffe College in Toronto, has been elected as one of two Wycliffe delegates to represent the college at the Anglican seminary movement conference in Austin, Tex.

The trip is completely financed by the college and by the theological society, which is the student association that represents the college in theological affairs, of which Mr. Everall is the vice president.

The conference is being held from Thursday, December 28 until Saturday, December 30, and is an important gathering of Anglican theological students to be held in North America each year.

Naturally the election was hotly contested and much interest was created because of the location of the conference, but on the second ballot Mervyn's name was declared as the winner along with Douglas Dittich, a scout leader who has spent several summers at the Haliburton scout reserve.

Mr. Everall and his wife Myra will be driving to Austin in their car and expect to leave Haliburton on Christmas day. They will pick up Mr. and Mrs. Dittich in Toronto and then travel by way of Detroit, St. Louis, and Dallas until they arrive "deep in the heart of Texas."

On their return trip they will spend New Year's Eve in Nashville, Tenn., where they hope to see the Grand Ole Opry and some of the western and country music stars which originate from Nashville every Saturday night.

They will then return to Toronto by Tuesday, January 2 in time for Mervyn to resume his studies at Wycliffe.

The Everalls are very excited about making the trip because it is the first time in 10 years of married life that they will be going on a trip together other than between Toronto and Haliburton.

The theme of this year's conference is "The Church in a City Culture" and seeks to interpret how far and how fast the emerging urban culture is transforming life in previously remote regions and what this means for propagating the gospel.

Some very fine speakers will be addressing the students after which lecture groups will meet together for discussion. It is a real opportunity for Canadian and U.S. Anglican theological students to discuss the problems which confront them in their own particular areas while enjoying the Christian fellowship and informative experience of such a gathering.

Then once the conference is over these students which represent the 24 Anglican colleges in Canada and the U.S. will return to their home colleges to report to their fellow student ministers.



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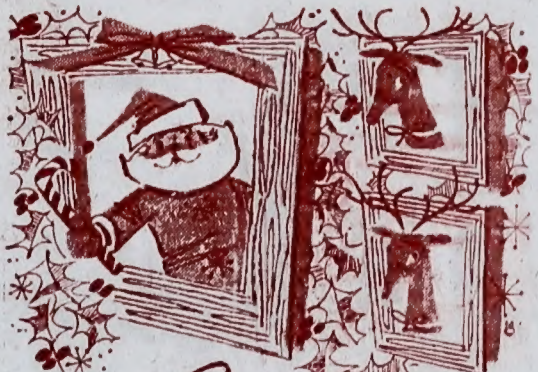
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IN QUEST OF YESTERDAY

A HISTORY OF HALIBURTON

by NILA REYNOLDS

(COPYRIGHTED) Instalment Seventy-Two THE STANHOPE STORY Chapter 13

With his home completed and his farm in running order, John Billings was ready to practice his trade elsewhere. In the years that followed he built two houses in Haliburton for Messrs. Potts and Pengelley, also a home for James Cooper at Hall's Lake, the George Hewitt house opposite St. Stephen's and the Steve Sisson house near Carnarvon, all of stone. His brick work included the Tom Jones house where the Maple Lake post office used to be kept, the Clair Sisson home and the Will Taylor house on the road north of Beech Lake.

His crowning achievement, however, was St. Peter's Anglican Church at Maple Lake which, taking into consideration the number of marriages it has hallowed, could also be called the Brides' Church.

The land of St. Peter's and its burying ground was donated by M. R. Dawson, a son of Peter and Jane Dawson, Maple Lake pioneers whose original log cabin can still be seen near the Dawson homestead.

The exterior of the first church was roughcast V-joint and plaster with an interior ceiling of plaster of paris with a handsome molding around the centre and border constructed by Mr. Billings. A generous English woman donated a communion table cover of red plush and gold which presented a striking appearance when the brass chandelier was lit.

The pews, fashioned by local carpenters were of native pine and triumph of triumphs there was a melodeon to sing to. How joyous must have been its music at dedication of St. Peter's day, June 29, 1887 when the church bell called the worshippers together for the first time!

This same bell later figured in a prank executed by two Maple Lake lads whose love of mischief exceeded their piety. For several evenings one summer the neighborhood was aroused from sleep by the clanging at odd intervals of the church bell. It began to be whispered about that the church was haunted until the outraged church officials investigated the whole affair. They uncovered neither restless haunt nor naughty culprits, only a grazing calf in an adjoining field connected to the church bell by a long rope.

Since St. Peter's was for

many years the only Anglican church in the district, its expanding congregation soon outgrew the first building. Although actual cash fell far short of the need for a new building, the undertaking was begun. As the Rev. J. F. O'Neil phrases it in his historical booklet published in the fifties, the second St. Peter's was built by a congregation "financially poor but spiritually rich."

With nothing but a promised loan of \$400 from a Toronto W.A., a host of willing hands and boundless faith the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Sweetman in October 1901. Five years later the dedication services were conducted by the rector of St. John's Anglican church of Peterboro.

Every sliver of wood and grain of mortar in St. Peter's was put in place by local hands; its timber was cut from standing dry pine, planed at the nearest mill and fashioned by district carpenters. Those unskilled in wood work hauled stone and sand while lime for the structure was burned in a kiln on the shores of Maple Lake by Mr. William Welch. It is the proudest boast of many older residents that they helped in the building

of St. Peter's church.

Nor were the ladies idle. In their efforts to raise funds they held a bewildering variety of teas, suppers, picnics and concerts. Even the Sunday school classes helped.

As for the architect of St. Peter's, John Billings, he labored from early spring until late October while the walls of one of the loveliest churches in central Ontario grew in height. He was assisted by Messrs. Eldon and Arthur Dawson.

Mr. George Fader who recently celebrated his 92nd birthday at his home in Maple Lake remembers mixing mortar for John Billings of whose work he had this to say, "He was a perfectionist. Time meant nothing if the job was done right."

The atmosphere of St. Peter's is such a tangible thing that no one can leave its walls without being touched by its call to worship. The inspiring combination of Gothic windows, mellowing woodwork rubbed to a fine sheen by years of use, and lovingly tended furnishings are in keeping with the compassionate face of the Good Shepherd in the eastern window. One of the finest examples of the glaziers art, this window is sacred to the

memory of a popular young man, Percy J. L. Smith, who drowned while the church was being built.

Although John Billings did not erect St. Stephen's church at Boskung, those familiar with his style feel that he designed the structure. It is a fact that he was hired to do the work but a previous contract in Haliburton kept him from starting as early as the church committee desired.

Impatient to begin, they put in the footings without Mr. Billings' supervision. When he arrived on the scene he took one look at the work already completed and stated flatly, "Either tear them out or get another mason. I'll never build on another man's foundation!"

This did not meet with the committee's approval so Mr. Billings packed up his equipment and drove home.

The wasting disease which had shadowed Charity Billings' life since Somerset days triumphed in November of 1896 at a time when a heavy snow fall made a funeral procession to her beloved St. Peter's out of the question. By necessity she was tenderly laid to rest in a sylvan dell below the house. Afterwards the heart

broken husband constructed a stone burial vault marked by hewn slabs of granite and a memorial shaft inset with a marble tablet.

So determined was he that they should not be parted in death, that years before his own demise he built his own coffin and made all funeral arrangements. Complying with this wish his family buried him beside his wife at Blagdon Hill in January of 1923.

Although he awaits the last trump in the fenced plot below the hill, his spirit still pervades the house above. It is his books on horticulture, building and history which fill the recessed shelves in the living room where his portrait holds a prominent place; the furniture he created fills the rooms while the tools he used might have been laid down only yesterday.

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